[Mr. R. M. Statam.]

prepared an estimate for a new building for the Shertala school. It was afterwards discovered that the necessity for accommodation referred to the Ambalapuzha school. At the time when it was discovered, money had lapsed. Subsequently, there was no money to attend to the work.

Pay of Drawing Masters.

46. ✻ **MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any difference in the scale of pay of the Drawing Masters in the Vernacular and the English Secondary Schools?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether there is any difference in the qualification of the Drawing Masters between an English School and Vernacular School?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, there is a difference.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyatinkara II*): May I know what is the difference?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The difierence is that a Drawing Master in an English School must have a complete group certificate whereas in the Vernacular School, a Drawing Master requires only one certificate.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether there is a separate eligibility for appointment of the Drawing Masters in an English School and a Vernacular School?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have answered that an English School requires a different qualification from a Vernacular School.

Irrigation tanks in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

47. ✻**MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of irrigation tanks in the Neyyattinkara taluk and

(*b*) the amount that has been spent towards the improvement of the irrigation tanks in the taluk since the inauguration of the new Irrigation Section of the P.W. D?

MR. G B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) 738.

(*b*) Rs. 4, 318.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know the number of tanks that were renderedcompletely useless in the Neyyattinkara taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): That is a new question.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): In answer to part (*b*), may I know the number of tanks for which the amount was sanctioned?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I believe, three.

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MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether all the other tanks are in good condition?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It is not a supplementary question.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Sir, who is to decide whether it is a supplementary question or not?

PRESIDENT: The Chair.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): The Chief Engineer just now answered that the amount spent on 3 tanks is Rs. 4,318. But there are 738 tanks. From that I should like to know whether all the rest of the tanks are in good condition.

PRESIDENT: What the member wants to know is whether the other tanks had no repairs,

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): My submission is, that it has nothing to do with..... ...

PRESIDENT: It has everything to do.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I have no information on that subject.

Withdrawal of recognition of schools.

48. ❋MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of schools, with reasons, if any, whose recognition was withdrawn during 1109?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): A *statement containing the information asked for is laid on the table.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether the Director of Public Instruction inspected the schools before the recognitions were withdrawn?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I certainly did not inspect all the schools. I have seen some of them, but not deliberately, in order to decide whether recognition should be withdrawn or not.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Am I to take it then that it depends only upon the recommendations made by the Divisional Inspectors and their assistants?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Honourable member will notice that the reasons given for the withdrawal of recognition vary. In some cases recognition had to be withdrawn at the request of the managements. In certain others, the management closed the schools and automatically recognition had to be withdrawn. In the cases of overlapping and unsatisfactory progress, the decision was arrived at after the Director of Public Instruction had gone very carefully into all the facts connected with each case, as reported by Divisional Inspectors and their assistants.

*Vide Appendix I.

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